

REMARKS

The Applicants have filed the present Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in reply to the outstanding Office Action of March 8, 2006, and Applicants believe the Amendment to be fully responsive to the Office Action for the reasons set forth below.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,877,133 to Good (hereinafter "Good"). Claim 1 was objected to.

Via this Amendment, Claim 1 has been corrected via the addition of a comma. Typographical errors have been corrected in Claims 4, 6 and 11. No new matter has been added via this Amendment.

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection, Applicants have filed a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)3 concurrently herewith. Therefore, Good cannot be considered prior art with respect to the claims of the present application.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is obviated and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the present invention is believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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